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WASHINGTON (AP)-ALL SECRET CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SUPPORT OF PRIVATE AMERICAN VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS WILL END BY DEC. 31 BUT SOME OF THE GROUPS HAVE RECEIVED EXTRA FUNDS TO TIDE THEM OVER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT AMOUNTED TO AN OFFICIAL WINDUP OF THE SPECIAL THREE-MAN COMMITTEE NAMED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON FEB. 13 AMID THE ROW OVER DISCLOSURES OF CIA AID TO SOME STUDENT AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES.

PRESS OFFICER ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY, RECALLING THAT THE THREE-MAN COMMITTEE, HEADED BY UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE NICHOLAS DEE KATZENBACH, HAD RECOMMENDED AN END TO COVERT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EDUCATIONAL AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, SAID IN A STATEMENT:

MCCLOSKEY SAID:

"NOW IN FACT THIS TARGET HAS BEEN MET. COVERT FINANCIAL SUPPORT WILL IN EVERY INSTANCE BE DISCONTINUED PRIOR TO DEC. 31, 1967."

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SOME OF THE GROUPS WHICH HAVE REPORTEDLY RECEIVED CIA FUNDS FOR YEARS WERE SAID UNOFFICIALLY TO HAVE BEEN HARD PRESSED IN THEIR SEARCH FOR OTHER DONORS FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT.

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MCCLOSKEY FOLLOWED PAST ADMINISTRATION PRACTICE IN REFUSING TO NAME ANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAD GOTTEN CIA MONEY OR THOSE RECEIVING THE EXTRA GOVERNMENT PAY. HE WOULD SAY ONLY THAT A "VERY, VERY SMALL" NUMBER AMONG THE 1,000 OR MORE PRIVATE U.S. GROUPS WITH OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN GETTING THE SECRET GOVERNMENT HELP.

MCCLOSKEY REFUSED TO NAME ANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS ON GROUNDS IT "WOULD NOT BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST AND MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THEIR CHANCES OF DEVELOPING NEW MEANS OF SUPPORT."

THE KATZENBACH COMMITTEE, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED CIA CHIEF RICHARD HELMS AND JOHN W. GARDNER, SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, RECOMMENDED THAT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SUPPLYING GOVERNMENT FUNDS OPENLY TO THE PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS BE STUDIED.

AS A RESULT, A LARGER, BLUE-RIBBON COMMITTEE OF PROMINENT PERSONS IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK. ITS PURPOSE: TO FIND OTHER, OPEN MEANS FOR GOVERNMENT HELP FOR "OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE ADJUDGED DESERVING IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF PUBLIC SUPPORT."

THE RUSK COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING PERIODICALLY DURING THE YEAR BUT HAS YET TO AGREE ON AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT FINANCING FOR THE PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. PROPOSALS HAVE RANGED FROM DIRECT CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE INSTITUTION